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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A communications system, comprising:

 a transmitter, comprising:

 a light source for generating a directed light beam modulated to transmit a data signal;

 a controllable mirror for directing the light beam toward a receiver;

 a photodiode for receiving light reflected from substantially the same direction as the light is directed by the mirror; and

 control circuitry, coupled to the photodiode and to the mirror, for controlling the aim of the mirror; and

 a receiver, comprising:

 a lens;

 a photodiode for receiving incident light from the transmitter through the lens; and

 a reflective ring surrounding the lens, for reflecting incident light from the transmitter back to the transmitter for aligning the directed light beam with the receiver.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the mirror comprises:

 a mirror element formed of a single piece of crystalline material, the mirror element having a frame, a mirror surface, and a plurality of hinges.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the reflective ring comprises a plurality of corner cube elements.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the light source comprises a laser.
5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the transmitter further comprises:
a lens for spreading the modulated laser beam to have a spot size approximately the same size as an outer diameter of the reflective ring.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)